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SUBJ: AMIN ASKS FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH US

1. PRES MOBUTU TELEPHONED ME MAR 28 TO SAY HE HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FROM UGANDAN PRES AMIN THAT HE CONVEY TO AMERICAN AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS IN KINSHASA THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE: AMIN SERIOUSLY DESIRES TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US AND UK AND HOPES THAT STEPS CAN BE TAKEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TOWARD THAT END. HE IS "COUNTING ON PRESIDENT MOBUTU" TO FACILITATE A FAVORABLE REACTION FROM US.

2. I TOLD MOBUTU THAT, AS HE REQUESTED, I WOULD CONVEY AMIN'S MESSAGE TO WASHINGTON. I REMARKED THAT THE EVENTS OF A FEW WEEKS AGO IN UGANDA RELATING TO AMERICAN CITIZENS HAD HARDLY CREATED A FAVORABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS. MOBUTU LAUGHED AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT.

3. AMIN'S MESSAGE WAS CARRIED BACK BY GOZ MINISTERS NGUZA AND BULA WHO RECENTLY SOUGHT (SUCCESSFULLY) AMIN'S SUPPORT ON SHABA INVASION. AMIN, HAVING DONE MOBUTU A GOOD TURN BOTH ON SHABA AND IN RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO HIS INTERCESSION ON OUR BEHALF TO SAFEGUARD US CITIZENS IN UGANDA, NOW SEEMS TO BE ASKING MOBUTU TO RETURN THE FAVORS. I DO NOT BELIEVE MOBUTU EXPECTS MUCH OR ANYTHING BACK FROM US;THE FACT THAT HE PHONED RATHER THAN CALL ME IN, AND HAS NOT CONTACTED THE BRITISH AMB-
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ASSADOR AT ALL, REFLECTS THE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE HE ATTACHES TO THE MATTER. WE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND, HOWEVER, THAT IF AND WHEN THE DAY COMES FOR MAKING CONTACT OR NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH KAMPALA, MOBUTU WOULD PROBABLY EXPECT US TO CONSIDER USING HIM AS A CHANNEL.

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